

It is an honor to be able to commemorate this day on behalf of my fellow Nevadans as we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and died to defend freedom. Our soldiers' commitment to this country, as well as their dedication to their families and communities, exemplified why the legacy of all World War II veterans must be preserved for generations to come. These heroes truly are the "greatest generation"—selflessly serving not for recognition, but because it was the right thing to do. As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I recognize that Congress has a responsibility not only to honor these brave individuals, but to ensure they are cared for after their return home. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and servicemembers in Nevada and throughout the Nation.

I ask that we remember the Americans who stood against tyranny and persevered. The brave men and women who risked everything to come to the aid of others deserve our respect and appreciation, and I am both humbled and honored to recognize them here today. May we never forget the brave actions by these heroes that allowed the Allied troops to defeat tyranny.

THANKING SENATE PAGES

Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, I want to express my gratitude to the Senate pages that have served the Senate these past few months. The job of a Senate page is very important to the operations of the Senate and it comes with many responsibilities. These young high school students dedicate their time and talents to serve the Senate and help us carry out our duties while at the same time attending classes. I am grateful for the hard work they do each day to help make the Senate run smoothly and efficiently. Their willingness to serve their country and this body is deeply appreciated.

I want to express my personal thanks to each one of these pages: Olivia Alvarado, Alaska; Alexis Berry, Michigan; Peyton Cuzzart, Kentucky; Cally Decherd, Texas; Jim Devers, Oklahoma; Sonja France, Montana; Seth Glidewell, Alabama; Cole George, Alaska; Ammishaddai Grand-Jean, Georgia; Brandon Greene, Rhode Island; Susie Hawthorne, Montana; Jack Hostager, Iowa; Ashton Hunter, Nevada; Kathryn Jason, Alabama; Isaac Karlan-Mason, Vermont; Bowie Lam, Maine; Jason Lin, Hawaii; Layton Little, Mississippi; Dorothea Mosman, Oregon; Jody Ostrander, Nevada; Lucas Reed, Kentucky; Michael Regard, Kentucky; Riley Sanborn, Virginia; Grace Schaub, Pennsylvania; Adele Schenk, Illinois; Jordan Shub, Pennsylvania; Madeline Toy, Tennessee; Colton Williams, Utah; and Miriam Young, Connecticut.

I am so very proud of each and every one of them and commend them for their dedication and commitment. I, along with the entire Senate, wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER ROBERT ADAMS HATCH

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I wish to honor CDR Robert Adams Hatch, who retired from the U.S. Navy on June 1, 2014, after more than 28 years of honorable service.

Commander Hatch is a supply corps/logistics officer 3105 and retired following his final assignment in Voluntary Training Unit 6767 Atlanta at the Navy Operational Support Center at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, GA. Prior to his service at Dobbins ARB, he most recently completed a 3-year assignment in Joint Operations with Navy Reserve Joint Staff South in Suffolk, VA, supporting the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Additionally, he was commanding officer of the 50-member Operational Support Unit 0867 in Atlanta, GA, from May 2007 through April 2009.

From 1994 to 2003, Commander Hatch spent much of his career overseas with the Joint Contact Team Program military-to-military contacts program in Eastern Europe as part of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff initiative established in 1992 to illustrate the standard of U.S.-style military under civilian control, and to promote peace, stability, military professionalism and closer ties to NATO for former Communist countries in Eastern Europe. He served on the Military Liaison Team, living and working in Albania under arduous conditions from 1994 to 1998, and was twice evacuated from Albania in March 1997 and August 1998. After the second evacuation in 1998, then-Lieutenant Commander Hatch worked at Headquarters, United States European Command/ECJ5-J, as joint contact team program desk officer for Poland, Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Armenia and Azerbaijan. He returned to the United States in 2003.

Commander Hatch is also a key team leader on the Atlanta Funeral Honors Team, having conducted more than 450 Navy, Coast Guard, and joint military funerals for Reserve and Active Duty veterans since 2008.

Born in Abington, PA, Commander Hatch moved in 1972 to Atlanta, GA, and grew up in that great city. His father, CAPT James C. Hatch, served in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps, and was a classmate of President Jimmy Carter at the Naval Academy. His father retired after dedicating 26 years of active service, including World War II, and in the Korea and Vietnam wars. Following his retirement, I had the pleasure of working with Jim Hatch at Northside Realty. And the family's Georgia credentials don't stop there. Captain Jim Hatch's brother, Edwin I. Hatch, was president of Georgia Power Company, and the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, located near Baxley, GA, was duly named in tribute to his leadership.

In addition to his distinguished military career, CDR Robert Hatch has had

a meaningful civilian life, including 4 years with Coca-Cola USA. He is currently managing director and independent marketing associate of Ignite/Stream Energy, a funeral attendant with Service Corps International in Atlanta, and an actor participating in movies and television shows filming in Georgia.

Commander Hatch's military decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Joint Service Commendation Medals, Navy Commendation Medal, six Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, two National Defense Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, nine Navy & Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbons, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and a Navy Pistol Marksmanship Medal.

I send my great thanks to Commander Hatch for his extensive meritorious service to our proud nation, and I thank and congratulate his family and friends for supporting his service to the United States of America.●

ROSLYN, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of Roslyn, SD. Since its founding in 1914 the city has flourished from its humble pioneer origins to a vibrant South Dakota community. The people of Roslyn will be celebrating their centennial anniversary the weekend of June 20–22.

Named by the area's first postmaster after his native city in Scotland, the township was moved from Old Roslyn to its current location alongside the Soo Railroad. In 1914 on the same day that Roslyn's lots were first sold at public auction, a troupe of entertainers performed for the community, setting a lively foundation for the city.

Residents of Roslyn will start off the centennial celebration with an antique tractor run. The weekend will continue with musical concerts, a 5k walk/run, and many other activities. On Sunday, the festival will wrap up with a non-denominational service and a string band performance by Threshing Bee.

Small towns like Roslyn embody what it means to be a South Dakotan community. I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Roslyn and to offer my congratulations to the residents of the town on this historic milestone.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages